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DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Joe Micon (D-West Lafayette) said the deadline is quickly approaching for application to the Indiana House of Representatives Internship Programs.

Oct. 15 is the final day that applications will be accepted.

"The internship program offers a great opportunity to experience the legislative process while gaining valuable professional experience," explained Micon. "It is really a unique program, because the interns directly assist our legislative staff and work closely with the legislators. I would highly recommend that anyone considering a career in government apply for a legislative internship."

College juniors, seniors, recent graduates of a four-year university or college, and graduate students are eligible to serve as interns. The successful applicants will earn \$300 weekly for the duration of the program, which starts in early January and continues until early March.

Applicants should possess strong writing, research and communication skills. A strong interest in the legislative process also is valued. Past interns have come from a variety of academic areas, including economics, English, history, journalism, political science, pre-law, and public relations. Students can earn academic credit, up to 12 hours, through arrangements they make with their schools.

While the Democrat and Republican programs are organized differently, the areas of specialty are legislative services and media relations/communications. The Democrat program also has positions for fiscal and policy specialists.

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The following are brief descriptions of the legislative areas:

Legislative Services – Assists legislators and their assistants in constituent and legislative research responsibilities, which includes reporting on committee activity, organizing legislators' daily activities, and writing constituent letters, position papers and bill summaries.

Media Relations/Communications– Writes and distributes news releases. Assists in organizing news conferences, taping and transmission of broadcast feeds, coordinating photo sessions, and conducting background research.

Fiscal – Works with caucus fiscal policy analysts, including the tracking of bills and writing of reports.

Policy – Helps policy staff in the tracking and analyzing of legislation for caucus members and staff.

Legislative interns serve as members of a partisan staff, so those who consider themselves Democrats should apply for the Democrat program and those who are Republicans should apply for the Republican program.

One can apply online for the Democrat program by going to www.in.gov/legislative/house_democrats/infointern.html or by contacting Democrat Internship Program Director Kristin Nelson at 1-800-382-9842 or 317-232-9600. Her e-mail address is knelson@iga.state.in.us.

The Republican site is www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/intern where one can apply. Republican Internship Program Director Amy Berkemeier can be contacted at 1-800-382-9842 or 317-232-9824. Her e-mail address is aberkeme@iga.state.in.us.

